A Nonabstract Approach to Lattice Rule Canonical Forms

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Abstract

The rank and invariants of a general lattice rule conventionally are defined in terms of the group-theoretic properties of the rule. Here we give a nonabstract definition of the rank and invariants by exploiting what we term the Sylow p-decomposition of a lattice rule. This decomposition allows a canonical D-Z form to be calculated for any lattice rule. A new set of necessary and sufficient conditions for recognizing a canonical form is given.

1 Introduction

An s-dimensional lattice rule $Q(\Lambda)$ is an equal-weight quadrature rule on $[0,1)^s$ of the form

$$Q(\Lambda)f = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(\mathbf{x}_i),$$

where $\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_N$ are all the points of $[0,1)^s$ that belong to an integration lattice Λ . An s-dimensional integration lattice is a discrete set of points that is closed under normal addition and subtraction and that contains the unit lattice Λ_0 as a sublattice. Here Λ_0 is the familiar lattice consisting of all points $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_s)$, all of whose components x_i are integers.

It is known [SL89] that every s-dimensional lattice rule may be written in the form $Qf = \mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$, where

$$Q[t, D, Z, s] := \frac{1}{d_1 d_2 \cdots d_t} \sum_{j_1=1}^{d_1} \sum_{j_2=1}^{d_2} \cdots \sum_{j_t=1}^{d_t} f\left(\left\{\sum_{i=1}^t j_i \frac{\mathbf{z}_i}{d_i}\right\}\right);$$
 (1.1)

here t and d_i are positive integers, $\mathbf{z}_i \in \Lambda_0$, and $\{\mathbf{x}\}\in [0,1)^s$ denotes the vector whose components are the fractional parts of the components of \mathbf{x} . This form is known as a t-cycle D-Z form of an s-dimensional lattice rule [LK95]. The parameters in the abbreviation $\mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$ are D, which denotes the $t \times t$ diagonal integer matrix

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having positive diagonal elements d_i , and Z, which denotes the $t \times s$ integer matrix having rows \mathbf{z}_i .

The number of distinct quadrature points in a lattice rule is known as the *order* of the rule and is denoted by $\nu(Q)$.

Definition 1.2 The rule form Q[t, D, Z, s] is termed nonrepetitive when the order of Q is $\nu(Q) = \prod_{i=1}^t d_i$.

On the other hand, a D-Z form may be repetitive; that is, the order of the lattice rule is less than $d_1d_2\cdots d_t$. (One can show that the number of distinct quadrature points in a repetitive D-Z form is $d_1d_2\cdots d_t/k$ for some integer k>1.)

A given lattice rule has many nonrepetitive distinct D-Z forms. In [SL89] a general partial solution to this problem of nonuniqueness is given. There it is shown that each lattice rule may be expressed in a nonrepetitive t-cycle D-Z form in which $d_{i+1} \mid d_i, i=1,2,\ldots,t-1$, and $d_t>1$ with $t\leq s$. Moreover, in such a representation, the values of t and of d_i are unique to the rule Q and are called the rank of Q and the invariants of Q respectively. Such a form is termed a canonical form. The definitions given there rely heavily on group theory. In fact, the theory of lattice rules forms an excellent application of Kronecker's celebrated group representation theorem; see, for example, [S86, p. 45 et seq.]. However, the practical problem remains of actually calculating a canonical form of a general rule given in D-Z form.

In a previous paper [LJ96] we treated prime-power rules, that is, rules whose order, $\nu(Q)$, is a power of some prime. For these rules the invariants have a nonabstract definition that is closely related to the ideas underlying projection regularity (see [LJ96]). In that less complicated context, a theory was developed that does not rely on group theory or lattice theory at all. We state here a few key definitions and results from that paper.

Definition 1.3 Let a prime-power rule Q have invariants n_i and rank r. Then the form $Q = \mathcal{Q}[r, D, Z, s]$ is termed a canonical form of Q if $D = \text{diag}\{n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_r\}$.

Definition 1.4 The $t \times t$ integer matrix D is termed sequential when

$$d_1 \ge d_2 \ge \cdots \ge d_t > 1.$$

Theorem 1.5 A necessary and sufficient condition for a D-Z form of a prime-power rule to be canonical is that it be nonrepetitive with sequential D.

Theorem 1.6 A necessary and sufficient condition for a D-Z form of a primepower rule of order p^{γ} to be canonical is that D be sequential and the matrix Z be of full rank modulo p. For a prime-power rule in nonrepetitive form, it follows from Definition 1.2 that each d_i is a prime power. When D is sequential, this gives $d_{i+1} \mid d_i$, and so the invariants also have this property.

In this paper we exploit the previous work of [LJ96] on prime-power rules to provide a corresponding theory for general rules. This is done by means of a nonabstract manifestation of the Kronecker theorem mentioned above. This allows us to express the D-Z form of a rule Q as a sum of the D-Z forms of the "Sylow p-components" of the rule Q. These Sylow p-components are themselves lattice rules of prime-power order. Section 2 is devoted to this decomposition, Theorem 2.19 being the key result.

In Section 3 we define the rank and invariants of the general rule in terms of the rank and invariants of the component rules; we define a canonical form; and we show how it may be obtained from a general D-Z form. In Section 4, we complete the theory by providing in Theorem 4.7 a necessary and sufficient condition for a D-Z form to be canonical.

2 The Sylow p-Component Rule Forms

In this section we introduce notation and algorithmic rules for handling D-Z forms, and we use these to express a rule form as a sum of Sylow p-component rule forms. The transformations listed in the following theorem are well known and have been widely used in previous work such as [SL89] and [SJ94].

Theorem 2.1 The rule $Q = \mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$ given in (1.1) is unaltered if Z is modified by applying one of the following transformations or a sequence of them.

- (a) Replace \mathbf{z}_i by $\ell \mathbf{z}_i$ for ℓ an integer satisfying $gcd(\ell, d_i) = 1$.
- (b) Replace \mathbf{z}_i by $\mathbf{z}_i + d_i \mathbf{x}$ for $\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda_0$.
- (c) Replace \mathbf{z}_i by $\mathbf{z}_i + (md_i/d_j)\mathbf{z}_j$ for $j \neq i$, m an integer, and $d_j \mid md_i$.

Other transformations that allow one to change D and Z by consistent row interchange, removal of common factors, and removal of redundant rows are listed in [LJ96]. In this paper we do not use them explicitly. However, two more transformations are given in Theorem 2.9 below.

We now introduce the sum of lattice rules. This is a simple concept.

Definition 2.2 The sum of two s-dimensional integration lattices Λ_1 and Λ_2 is a lattice Λ that comprises all points and only points expressible in the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2$$

where the λ_i are integers and $\mathbf{x}_i \in \Lambda_i$, i = 1, 2.

Colloquially, Λ is the smallest lattice that contains both Λ_1 and Λ_2 .

Definition 2.3 The sum

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

of two s-dimensional lattice rules Q_1 and Q_2 is the rule Q obtained from the sum of the corresponding integration lattices for Q_1 and Q_2 .

This definition extends to the sum of more than two lattice rules in an obvious way. It follows immediately that when

$$Q_1 f = \frac{1}{\nu(Q_1)} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu(Q_1)} f(\mathbf{x}_j) \text{ and } Q_2 f = \frac{1}{\nu(Q_2)} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu(Q_2)} f(\mathbf{y}_k), \tag{2.4}$$

their sum is

$$Qf = (Q_1 + Q_2)f = \frac{1}{\nu(Q_1)\nu(Q_2)} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu(Q_2)} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu(Q_1)} f(\{\mathbf{x}_j + \mathbf{y}_k\}).$$
 (2.5)

Lemma 2.6 If $Q = Q_1 + Q_2$, then

$$\nu(Q) \le \nu(Q_1)\nu(Q_2),$$

with equality being valid if $\nu(Q_1)$ and $\nu(Q_2)$ are relatively prime.

The proof of this result is elementary (and omitted here). In the situation where there is equality, the sum is a direct sum; the reader is referred to [JS94] or [SJ94, pp. 53–57] for further details about direct sums in this context.

Lemma 2.7 The sum of two rules having forms $Q[t_1, D_1, Z_1, s]$ and $Q[t_2, D_2, Z_2, s]$ respectively, may be expressed in the form $Q[t_3, D_3, Z_3, s]$ with $t_3 = t_1 + t_2$, $D_3 = \text{diag}\{D_1, D_2\}$, and

$$Z_3 = \left(\begin{array}{c} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \end{array}\right).$$

Proof. The result is readily proved by using (1.1), (2.4), and (2.5) with $Q_1 = \mathcal{Q}[t_1, D_1, Z_1, s]$ and $Q_2 = \mathcal{Q}[t_2, D_2, Z_2, s]$. \square

It is a short step from dealing with the sum of two rules Q_1f and Q_2f to the "sum" of two forms $\mathcal{Q}[t_1, D_1, Z_1, s]$ and $\mathcal{Q}[t_2, D_2, Z_2, s]$ that represent them. One may reexpress Lemma 2.7 using the following definition.

Definition 2.8 A relation

$$Q[t_3, D_3, Z_3, s] \equiv Q[t_1, D_1, Z_1, s] + Q[t_2, D_2, Z_2, s]$$

is valid if and only if the rules represented satisfy

$$Q_3f = Q_1f + Q_2f.$$

This paper relies heavily on this notation and definition. Each relation of this type could be verified by expanding each term in the form of (1.1). But this formalism makes that unnecessary.

We note that, while the sum of two rules is well defined, the sum of two forms is not. For example, in Lemma 2.7 one could equally well have set $D_3 = \text{diag}\{D_2, D_1\}$ and

$$Z_3 = \left(\begin{array}{c} Z_2 \\ Z_1 \end{array}\right).$$

We present a pair of transformations using this notation.

Theorem 2.9 When m and n are relatively prime,

$$Q[1, mn, \mathbf{z}, s] \equiv Q[1, m, \mathbf{z}, s] + Q[1, n, \mathbf{z}, s]$$
(2.10)

and

$$Q[1, m, \mathbf{z}_1, s] + Q[1, n, \mathbf{z}_2, s] \equiv Q[1, mn, m\mathbf{z}_2 + n\mathbf{z}_1, s].$$
 (2.11)

This notation is convenient for manipulating rule forms. A trivial iterated application of Lemma 2.7 provides a decomposition of any t-cycle D-Z form into the sum of 1-cycle D-Z forms as follows:

$$Q[t, D, Z, s] \equiv Q[1, d_1, \mathbf{z}_1, s] + Q[1, d_2, \mathbf{z}_2, s] + \dots + Q[1, d_t, \mathbf{z}_t, s],$$
 (2.12)

where, as before, \mathbf{z}_j denotes the jth row of Z. Further decomposition is possible when det D has more than one prime factor.

Lemma 2.13 Let det D have the prime factorization det $D = p_1^{\gamma_1} p_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots p_q^{\gamma_q}$, and let d_i have the prime factor decomposition

$$d_i = p_1^{\gamma_{1,i}} p_2^{\gamma_{2,i}} \cdots p_q^{\gamma_{q,i}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q.$$
 (2.14)

Then

$$Q[1, d_i, \mathbf{z}_i, s] \equiv Q[1, p_1^{\gamma_{1,i}}, \mathbf{z}_i, s] + Q[1, p_2^{\gamma_{2,i}}, \mathbf{z}_i, s] + \dots + Q[1, p_q^{\gamma_{q,i}}, \mathbf{z}_i, s].$$
 (2.15)

Proof. This follows by repeated application of (2.10) above. \Box

The reader will notice that when p is prime, $\mathcal{Q}[1, p^{\gamma}, \mathbf{z}, s]$ represents a *cyclic* rule. The decompositions (2.12) and (2.15) may be used to express any lattice rule as a sum of cyclic rules.

These results apply as written in cases in which $\gamma_{j,i} = 0$, giving $p_j^{\gamma_{j,i}} = 1$. The final forms may include forms $\mathcal{Q}[1, 1, \mathbf{z}_i, s]$, which may be included or discarded at will.

We now introduce the Sylow p-component of a rule Q. This is defined as follows.

Definition 2.16 A point \mathbf{x} is of order n when $n\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda_0$ (and n is the smallest positive integer for which this is true).

Definition 2.17 The Sylow p-component of a lattice rule Q is a lattice rule whose abscissa set comprises all points of the abscissa set of Q that are of order p^{γ} for any nonnegative integer γ .

This corresponds precisely to the Sylow p-subgroup of a given group, the group elements being members of the respective abscissa sets. We note some simple standard properties.

- (a) The trivial Sylow p-component with p = 1 is Q[1, 1, Z, s], which represents only the single point $\mathbf{0}$, the origin.
- (b) When Q is a prime-power rule, it has only one nontrivial Sylow p-component, which coincides with Q.
- (c) When $Q = \mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$, the only nontrivial Sylow p-components are those corresponding to any primes p that occur as a factor of det D.

It follows that, using (2.12) and (2.15), we may set

$$Q[t, D, Z, s] \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{t} \sum_{j=1}^{q} Q[1, p_j^{\gamma_{j,i}}, \mathbf{z}_i, s] = \sum_{j=1}^{q} S^{(j)},$$

where we have defined a rule $S^{(j)}$ by one of its D-Z forms, namely,

$$S^{(j)} := \sum_{i=1}^{t} \mathcal{Q}[1, p_j^{\gamma_{j,i}}, \mathbf{z}_i, s] \equiv \mathcal{Q}[t, D^{(j)}, Z, s],$$

with

$$D^{(j)} = \operatorname{diag}\{d_1^{(j)}, d_2^{(j)}, \dots, d_t^{(j)}\} = \operatorname{diag}\{p_j^{\gamma_{j,1}}, p_j^{\gamma_{j,2}}, \dots, p_j^{\gamma_{j,t}}\}.$$
(2.18)

Clearly $S^{(j)}$ contains only points that belong to Q, and it contains only points of order p_j^{γ} for various integers γ . No other Sylow p-component contains a point of order p_j^{γ} for any γ , except for the origin. Taken together, these facts establish the following theorem.

Theorem 2.19 Any rule Q may be expressed as the sum of all its Sylow p-components. There is a Sylow p_j -component $S^{(j)}$ for every p_j occurring in the prime factor decomposition of $\nu(Q)$. When $Q = \mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$, one form for $S^{(j)}$ is

$$S^{(j)} = \mathcal{Q}[t, D^{(j)}, Z, s], \tag{2.20}$$

where $D^{(j)}$ is given in (2.18).

Note that in this D-Z form of the Sylow p_j -component rule, the parameters t, Z, and s are the same as those in the D-Z form for Q, and the elements of $D^{(j)}$ are obtained from those of D by retaining only the p_j component of each element.

This theorem is one of the key results of this paper. It is familiar in a group theory context. But here we have obtained a simple calculable D-Z representation of the Sylow p-components without demanding that Q be given in canonical form (see the next section). It is immediately available given any D-Z representation of Q.

In view of Lemma 2.6, we have

$$\nu(Q) = \prod_{j=1}^{q} \nu(S^{(j)}); \tag{2.21}$$

and, following the notation of (2.14) and (2.18), we have

$$\det D = \prod_{j=1}^{q} \det D^{(j)}.$$
 (2.22)

This leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 2.23 In the notation of the previous theorem, the form $\mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$ is nonrepetitive if and only if every component form $\mathcal{Q}[t, D^{(j)}, Z, s]$ is nonrepetitive.

Proof. We exploit (2.21) and (2.22) above. First we note that whether or not any of these forms are repetitive, we have

$$\nu(S^{(j)}) \le \det D^{(j)} \text{ for all } j, \tag{2.24}$$

so it follows that

$$\nu(Q) = \prod_{j=1}^{q} \nu(S^{(j)}) \le \prod_{j=1}^{q} \det D^{(j)} = \det D.$$
 (2.25)

When all the forms for $S^{(j)}$ are nonrepetitive, the relation in (2.24) is an equality. This produces an equality in (2.25), which shows that the form for Q is also nonrepetitive. Conversely, if one of the forms for $S^{(j)}$ is repetitive, there is one value of j for which the relation in (2.24) is a strict inequality; this makes the relation in (2.25) a strict inequality, showing that the form for Q is also repetitive. \square

3 Canonical Form of a General Lattice Rule

In [LJ96], the rank and invariants for prime-power rules are defined in a nonabstract manner. Some of their properties are recalled in the introduction. In this section we exploit these definitions to define the same quantities in the context of a general lattice rule. The link that enables the broadening of the definition is Theorem 2.19, which asserts that any rule may be decomposed into a sum

$$Q = S^{(1)} + S^{(2)} + \dots + S^{(q)}$$
(3.1)

of its Sylow p_j -components $S^{(j)}$, $j=1,2,\ldots,q$. Each component is a prime-power rule, and its rank and invariants satisfy the sequential and divisibility conditions mentioned in Theorem 1.5 and the discussion preceding it. Let $S^{(j)}$ have rank and invariants

$$r^{(j)}; \quad n_1^{(j)}, n_2^{(j)}, \dots, n_s^{(j)}.$$
 (3.2)

Here it is convenient to include the trivial invariants, that is,

$$n_i^{(j)} = 1, \quad i = r^{(j)} + 1, \dots, s.$$
 (3.3)

Definition 3.4 The rank and invariants of a general lattice rule Q are

$$r = \max(r^{(1)}, r^{(2)}, \dots, r^{(q)}) \text{ and } n_i = n_i^{(1)} n_i^{(2)} \cdots n_i^{(q)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r,$$
 (3.5)

where $r^{(j)}$ and $n_i^{(j)}$ are respectively the rank and invariants of the Sylow p_j -components of Q as specified in (3.1), (3.2), and (3.3) above.

This definition comprises a nonabstract realization of a standard definition based on group theory.

Definition 3.6 Let Q have invariants n_i and rank r. Then any form $Q = \mathcal{Q}[r', D, Z, s]$ is termed a canonical form of Q if $D = \text{diag}\{n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_{r'}\}$, where $r' \in [r, s]$.

Thus, by definition, we see that, as in the case of the simpler prime-power rule, a canonical D-Z form is one in which the elements of D are the actual invariants of the rule.

Theorem 3.7 A canonical form Q[r, D, Z, s] has the following properties:

- (a) $n_{i+1} \mid n_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, r-1;$
- (b) Q[r, D, Z, s] is nonrepetitive.

Proof. The first property is inherited from the corresponding property for each of the Sylow p-components through (3.5). The second property may be established as follows. If $\mathcal{Q}[r,D,Z,s]$ were repetitive, the transformations of Theorem 2.1 could be used to reduce it to a nonrepetitive form $\mathcal{Q}[r',D',Z',s]$ with $\det D' < \det D$. For a nonrepetitive form, $\nu(Q) = \det D'$; but for a canonical form, $\det D = \nu(Q)$. Since $\det D' \neq \det D$, it follows that a canonical form cannot be repetitive. \square

Corollary 3.8 In a canonical form, \mathbf{z}_i/n_i is semiproper, that is, $gcd(Z_{i1}, \ldots, Z_{is}, n_i) = 1$.

Proof. Suppose \mathbf{z}_i/n_i were not semiproper so that $\gcd(Z_{i1},\ldots,Z_{is},n_i)=\lambda$ for some $\lambda>1$. Then we could replace \mathbf{z}_i by $\mathbf{z}_i'=\mathbf{z}_i/\lambda$ and n_i by $n_i'=n_i/\lambda$, and so the form would be repetitive, which contradicts Theorem 3.7. \square

Clearly the rank and invariants of any rule Q exist and are unique, since the expansion (3.1) is unique, each component has unique invariants, and these are assembled in a determinate way in (3.5). It is straightforward to show that every rule Q has a canonical form. This follows from the existence of concrete realizations of each step in the definitions.

Theorem 3.9 When $Q = \mathcal{Q}[r, D, Z, s]$ is a canonical form of Q, then $\mathcal{Q}[r, D^{(j)}, Z, s]$ is a canonical form of $S^{(j)}$, its Sylow p_j -component.

The proof of this result is straightforward and is omitted.

We now describe in detail how a canonical form of a general rule Q may be constructed from any D-Z form. When $Q=\mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s]$, we first invoke Theorem 2.19 which asserts that each Sylow p_j -component is $S^{(j)}=\mathcal{Q}[t,D^{(j)},Z,s]$ where, as usual, $D^{(j)}$ comprises the p_j -components of D.

If each $D^{(j)}$ is sequential and each D-Z form is nonrepetitive, the original D-Z form is already canonical. Otherwise, it is necessary to form a new representation for $S^{(j)}$ that is sequential and nonrepetitive. This can be accomplished by using the transformations of Theorem 2.1 and the others mentioned just after that theorem. In [LJ96] a procedure for doing this is given as part of the proof of Theorem 3.7.

When all the Sylow p_j -components are in sequential nonrepetitive form, we assemble them, row by row. It is convenient in this description to provide, for each Sylow p_j -component, an s-cycle D-Z form. One way of doing this is to append an appropriate number of zero vectors to the Z-matrix and a corresponding identity matrix to D.

The Sylow p_j -components, now in the form $\mathcal{Q}[s, \bar{D}^{(j)}, \bar{Z}^{(j)}, s]$, may be re-expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} \mathcal{Q}[1, \bar{d}_i^{(j)}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i^{(j)}, s].$$

Since the ordering is immaterial, we may express Q in the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{q} \mathcal{Q}[1, \bar{d}_{i}^{(j)}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_{i}^{(j)}, s] \right).$$

The inner sum may be assembled to give $\mathcal{Q}[1, \bar{d}_i, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i, s]$, where $\bar{d}_i = \prod_{j=1}^q \bar{d}_i^{(j)}$. This assembly process may be carried out by making repeated use of the relation (2.11). We then obtain the rule form for Q given by $\mathcal{Q}[s, \bar{D}, \bar{Z}, s]$, where $\bar{D} = \text{diag}\{\bar{d}_i\}$ and

$$ar{Z} = \left[egin{array}{c} ar{\mathbf{z}}_1 \\ ar{\mathbf{z}}_2 \\ \vdots \\ ar{\mathbf{z}}_s \end{array}
ight].$$

Reference to Definition 3.6 confirms that this is a canonical form, with r' = s. The rank, r, of the rule Q is given by the largest integer i for which $\bar{d}_i > 1$. Hence, the form obtained by removing the last s - r rows of \bar{Z} and making a similar curtailment to \bar{D} is also canonical.

4 Recognizing a Canonical Form

Although we can always obtain a canonical form for a lattice rule, it is sometimes difficult to recognize whether a given form $\mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$ is a canonical form. Of course, a canonical form has some obvious properties. These appear in the following definition.

Definition 4.1 The form Q[t, D, Z, s] is termed a candidate form if $t \leq s$, each \mathbf{z}_i/d_i is semiproper, and

$$d_{i+1} \mid d_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1, \quad d_t > 1.$$

Trivially, a form that is not a candidate form cannot be a canonical form.

Theorem 4.2 When $Q = \mathcal{Q}[t, D, Z, s]$ is a candidate form, then $\mathcal{Q}[r, D^{(j)}, Z, s]$ is a candidate form of $S^{(j)}$, its Sylow p_j -component.

Proof. The sequential property follows from that of Q. Since \mathbf{z}_i/d_i is semiproper and $d_i^{(j)}$ is a factor of d_i , $\mathbf{z}_i/d_i^{(j)}$ is also semiproper. \square

In Theorem 3.7 and Corollary 3.8 we established that a canonical form satisfies the conditions to be a candidate form and is, in addition, nonrepetitive. The following theorem establishes the converse of this statement.

Theorem 4.3 A nonrepetitive candidate form is canonical.

Proof. When $\mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s]$ is nonrepetitive, $\mathcal{Q}[t,D^{(j)},Z,s]$, the form for the Sylow p_j -component of Q, is also nonrepetitive (Theorem 2.23). When $\mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s]$ is a candidate form, the previous theorem shows that $\mathcal{Q}[t,D^{(j)},Z,s]$ is also. Thus, the elements $d_i^{(j)}$ of $D^{(j)}$ are sequential (Definition 4.1), and since $S^{(j)}$ is a prime-power rule, the element $d_i^{(j)}$ is the ith invariant of Q is

$$n_i = \prod_{j=1}^q d_i^{(j)}.$$

This coincides with d_i , the *i*th element of D. Thus D contains the invariants of Q, and this is the sole condition for Q[t, D, Z, s] to be a canonical form of Q. \square

We note two special cases: the $t \times s$ matrix Z is termed column-permuted unit upper triangular (cpuut) when there exist distinct column indices $\{\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \ldots, \zeta_{\min(s,t)}\}$, where $\zeta_j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, s\}$, and

$$Z_{k,\zeta_m} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } k = m, \\ 0, & \text{when } k > m, \end{cases} \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \min(s, t).$$

It follows from [LJ96, Theorem 3.4] that a candidate form in which Z is cpuut is nonrepetitive.

Corollary 4.4 A candidate form in which Z is cpuut is a canonical form.

When t = s above, the matrix Z is an example of a unimodular matrix. This is one in which $|\det Z| = 1$. Any D - Z form in which Z is unimodular is nonrepetitive (see [LK95, Theorem 2.2]). Thus, in particular, we have the following.

Corollary 4.5 A candidate form in which Z is unimodular is a canonical form.

We now seek a criterion by which one may recognize whether a candidate form is in fact a canonical form. Like any other rule form, the candidate form represents a rule Q, which has Sylow p_j -components as detailed in Section 2. However, the D-Z representation $S^{(j)} = \mathcal{Q}[t, D^{(j)}, Z, s]$ inherits from D the property that it is sequential. Hence there exists a parameter $t^{(j)}$ such that the elements $d_i^{(j)}$ are 1 for $i > t^{(j)}$; and the form may be reduced to

$$S^{(j)} = \mathcal{Q}[t^{(j)}, \bar{D}^{(j)}, \bar{Z}^{(j)}, s], \tag{4.6}$$

where $\bar{Z}^{(j)}$ is a $t^{(j)} \times s$ submatrix of Z obtained by removing the final $s-t^{(j)}$ rows and $\bar{D}^{(j)}$ is a similarly curtailed version of $D^{(j)}$. According to Theorem 1.6 a necessary and sufficient condition for this form to be nonrepetitive is that $\bar{Z}^{(j)}$ be of full rank modulo p_j . And according to Theorem 2.23, the necessary and sufficient condition for $\mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s]$ to be nonrepetitive is that all the above forms for $S^{(j)}$, $j=1,2,\ldots,q$, are nonrepetitive. This leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 4.7 Let Q[t, D, Z, s] be a candidate form, and let det D require precisely q distinct primes p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_q . Let $t^{(j)}$ be the largest index i for which d_i contains a factor p_j . Then a necessary and sufficient condition for Q[t, D, Z, s] to be a canonical form of Q is that for $j = 1, 2, \ldots, q$ the first $t^{(j)}$ rows of Z form a matrix of full rank modulo p_j .

As an example, consider the candidate D-Z form $\mathcal{Q}[3,D,Z,3]$ with

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \cdot 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 8 \\ 11 & 16 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 11 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4.8}$$

Let us set $p_1 = 2$, $p_2 = 3$, and $p_3 = 5$. Then $t^{(1)} = 2$, $t^{(2)} = 1$, and $t^{(3)} = 3$; and

$$\begin{split} D^{(1)} &= \operatorname{diag}\{2,2,1\}, \\ D^{(2)} &= \operatorname{diag}\{3^4,1,1\}, \\ D^{(3)} &= \operatorname{diag}\{5^2,5,5\}, \\ \bar{Z}^{(1)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 8 \\ 11 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & \bar{Z}^{(2)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \bar{Z}^{(2)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 8 \\ 11 & 16 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, & \bar{Z}^{(3)} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

It is immediately clear that $\bar{Z}^{(1)}$ (mod 2) and $\bar{Z}^{(2)}$ (mod 3) are of full rank. One may verify that $\det \bar{Z}^{(3)} = 900 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. The theorem then asserts that the D-Z form is not a canonical form. A canonical form of this rule is given in section 5. (The reader may verify that the D-Z form is canonical if the first row of Z is replaced by $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$.)

The next result is related to Theorem 3.2 of [L93].

Theorem 4.9 Suppose we have the two candidate forms

$$Q = \mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s] \text{ and } Q' = \mathcal{Q}[t,D',Z,s]$$

such that the elements of D satisfy

$$d_i = p_1^{\gamma_{1,i}} p_2^{\gamma_{2,i}} \cdots p_q^{\gamma_{q,i}}.$$

If the elements of D' satisfy

$$d_i' = p_1^{\lambda_{1,i}} p_2^{\lambda_{2,i}} \cdots p_q^{\lambda_{q,i}},$$

where

$$\lambda_{j,i} = \begin{cases} 1, & when \ \gamma_{j,i} \ge 1, \\ 0, & when \ \gamma_{j,i} = 0, \end{cases}$$

then either both candidate forms are canonical or neither is canonical.

Proof. In the notation of (4.6), we see from Theorem 4.7 that the requirement is that certain submatrices of Z, namely, $\bar{Z}^{(j)}$, $j=1,2\ldots,q$, be respectively of full rank modulo p_j . The matrix $\bar{Z}^{(j)}$ depends only on the value of t_j , which in turn depends only on which d_i have a p_j factor and not what the p_j factor is. \square

Thus, in the example given above, the results about the form being canonical or not are unchanged when D is altered to any matrix of the form diag $\{2^{\alpha_1}3^{\beta_1}5^{\gamma_1}, 2^{\alpha_2}5^{\gamma_2}, 5^{\gamma_3}\}$ with $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 > 0$, $\beta_1 > 0$, $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 \geq \gamma_3 > 0$, but Z remains as before.

5 Miscellaneous Results

This section contains a few special results that are relevant when s or t is small. Since they are the basis of no further theory, the proofs, which are not deep, are omitted. They are all concerned with cases in which a form is altered or reduced without altering the Z-matrix.

Theorem 5.1 Given a candidate form Q[t, D, Z, s], the first invariant of the rule Q is $n_1 = d_1$.

Corollary 5.2 When t = 1, a candidate form is a canonical form.

Lemma 5.3 Let $\mathcal{Q}[2, D, Z, s]$ be a candidate form with $d_2 = \prod_{j=1}^q p_j^{\gamma_{j,2}}$. A canonical form is $\mathcal{Q}[2, \tilde{D}, Z, s]$, where $\tilde{d}_1 = d_1$, $\tilde{d}_2 = \prod_{j=1}^q p_j^{\gamma_{j,2}(r_j-1)}$ with $r_j = \operatorname{rank} Z \pmod{p_j}$.

This lemma is an almost trivial consequence of Theorem 4.7. The factor $(r_j - 1)$ is simply a device to remove, from the product, terms for which $r_j = 1$.

Theorem 5.4 Let a prime-power rule S of order p^{γ} have a repetitive D-Z form given by $\mathcal{Q}[t,D,Z,s]$. Let Z be of rank \tilde{t} modulo p, where $\tilde{t} < t$. Let the $\tilde{t} \times s$ matrix \tilde{Z} obtained from Z by removing the final $t-\tilde{t}$ rows also be of rank \tilde{t} modulo p. Then

$$S = \mathcal{Q}[t, \tilde{D}, Z, s],$$

where $\tilde{D} = \text{diag}\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{\tilde{t}}, 1, \dots, 1\}.$

This last result can be useful in cases where, in a D-Z form of a Sylow-p component, one prefers not to alter Z. Such a situation occurs in the example in the preceding section. There det $\bar{Z}^{(3)} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, but the first two rows are linearly independent. Because, in the example, all three Sylow- p_j components can be expressed by using the same matrix Z, the final canonical form can be expressed in D-Z form in (4.8)

by retaining this matrix Z but changing d_3 from 5 to 1. Then the redundant third row can be removed, leaving a canonical D-Z form with

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 8 \\ 11 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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